

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER 2  
SECTION 15.10  
TITLE: HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT/INTERVENTION

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**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(a)(1)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

August 1, 2003

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

96150–96155

### III. DESCRIPTION

Health and behavior assessment procedures are used to identify the psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and social factors important to the prevention, treatment, or management of physical health problems. The focus of the assessment is not on mental health but on the biopsychosocial factors important to physical health problems and treatment.

### IV. POLICY

Health and behavior assessment performed by a clinical psychologist in conjunction with the medical or surgical treatment of a covered illness or injury is covered.

### V. EXCLUSIONS

A. Family evaluation and assessment (without the patient present) (CPT procedure code 96155).

B. Patient meeting criteria for a psychiatric diagnosis.

**\*END OF POLICY\***